## EXHIBIT E

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

THOMAS A. EAMES, ROBERTA L. EAMES	(S)
and TAMMY EAMES, on behalf of	)
themselves and all others	)
similarly situated,	)
Plaintiffs,	) C.A. No. 04-CV-1324KAJ
v.	) }
NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,	)
Defendant.	)

## CERTIFICATION OF JOHN S. SPADARO

John S. Spadaro, certifies, under penalty of perjury, as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney admitted to the Bar of the Delaware Supreme Court and to the United States District Court in and for the District of Delaware, and a member of the firm of Murphy Spadaro & Landon. I make this certification on personal knowledge, and in support of the Eames Plaintiffs' Opposition to Nationwide's Motion for Protective Order herein.
- 2. Murphy Spadaro & Landon previously prosecuted against Nationwide the case of Phillips v. Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co., C.A. No. 97C-02-050VAB (Del. Super. Ct.). In 1999 the Phillips was settled pursuant to a confidentiality agreement.
- 3. In August 2000, after Nationwide violated the Phillips confidentiality agreement by making certain protected facts public, Murphy Spadaro & Landon commenced an arbitration proceeding seeking a declaration that Nationwide's breach constituted a waiver of the confidentiality agreement's terms. The arbitrator, Stephen W. Armstrong of the Montgomery, McCracken law firm in Philadelphia, ultimately found a partial waiver by virtue of Nationwide's breach.

4. In June 2000, a few months before the Phillips-related arbitration proceeding commenced, Murphy Spadaro & Landon filed another lawsuit against Nationwide, Crowhorn v.

Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co., C.A. No. 00C-06-010WLW (Del. Super. Ct.). Crowhorn was a PIP-

related class action arising from several alleged claims-handling practices, including most

notably the late payment of covered PIP claims in violation of 21 Del. C. §2118B. Crowhorn

ultimately settled, with the Court's approval, for \$5 million.

5. In or about September 2000 Nationwide asserted a counterclaim in the Phillips-related

arbitration alleging that, by framing the complaint in Crowhorn, Murphy Spadaro & Landon had

committed its own breach of the Phillips confidentiality agreement. Nationwide asserted this

counterclaim against Murphy Spadaro & Landon, attorney John Spadaro and attorney Roger

Landon on a joint-and-several basis, seeking recovery of \$1.3 million. Nationwide pressed its

counterclaim against attorneys Spadaro and Landon individually despite the fact that neither was

a party to the **Phillips** agreement.

6. It took nine months to litigate Nationwide's \$1.3 million counterclaim to conclusion.

In May 2001 arbitrator Stephen W. Armstrong found that Murphy Spadaro & Landon had

committed no confidentiality violations whatever. Nationwide's counterclaim was thus defeated.

7. The cost to Murphy Spadaro & Landon of defending Nationwide's counterclaim in the

Phillips-related arbitration (including attorney and paralegal time, arbitration fees and other

costs) totaled \$59,768.83.

ohn S. Spadaro

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